

# MANLY MOUSE

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## Freebie Talk - Thursday, 9 July

Without programs and applications computers are like a car without wheels - they go nowhere. But programs and applications cost money and the more you want a computer to do, the more it costs ... or does it? Not if you're crafty! On the Internet there are thousands of free programs available for download, the trick is knowing how to pick out the good ones from the rest. At the Club's General Meeting on Thursday, 9 July at 2 pm in the Library Meeting Room, Jack Newton will show you some of the reliable download sites and also demonstrate a wide range of what he considers the most interesting and the most useful free programs. A handout containing details of his talk will be available at the meeting.



So, if you want to save money and get more fun out of your computer be sure not to miss Jack's talk. You will really enjoy this one. There will be the usual tea, coffee and biscuits available and the opportunity to talk to Jack and other tutors and members.

Bridget Mahoney introduced us to eBay at the June meeting. Her enthusiasm convinced us that it would be a fun thing to buy and sell on eBay and not difficult to sign up and get started. She said you should 'start small' and watch postage. Elaine Clarke told us that she had started by making a very successful sale of a car! Take some advice and make sure the pictures you show are the right size. Follow the registration procedure and experiment. As you know with other programs, the more you do it the easier it becomes.





## Australia to get Win7 first By Renai LeMay, ZDNet.com.au



The first retail sales of Windows 7 will take place in New Zealand and Australia on 22 October, Microsoft confirmed this week.

Windows 7 will hit first New Zealand, then Australia, due to the countries' placement with respect to the International Date Line. Microsoft announced last week that its new operating system would hit retail shelves and start showing up on new PCs from 22 October this year.

"Our understanding at this time is that the availability of Windows 7 will 'follow the sun' on Thurs-

day October 22," a Microsoft spokesperson said late yesterday. "As such, we're excited that the first retail sales globally of Windows 7 will take place in New Zealand and Australia as we cross the dateline ahead of other markets."

A number of large Australian organisations including National Australia Bank, Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Centrelink have already started examining Windows 7, and companies as large as Telstra have flagged their intention to eventually migrate to the platform.

ZDNet.com.au has also been informed by many early adopters that they have had positive experiences with Windows 7 after testing it on their home PCs in preparation for upgrading to the platform from Vista or XP installations.

Microsoft Australia could not confirm at this stage what upgrade programs would be available to locals. However, globally Microsoft has confirmed, without giving details, that it plans to offer some sort of "technology guarantee" giving those who buy Vista machines close to the Windows 7 launch a free or discounted copy of the new operating system.

As with past similar programs, details on pricing will be up to individual computer makers, although Microsoft did say the upgrade program will apply to Vista Home Premium and higher-priced editions (meaning not Windows Vista Basic).

The tech guarantee program is not beginning immediately, but Microsoft did raise the possibility it will offer some sort of lower-cost upgrade to those who are already using Windows Vista.

### Letter from Dick Manuell



I'm editor of Forest Compals Newsletter and of course, a member of FCPFS. I'm also a member of Warringah/Pittwater SES (State Emergency Services). You are probably aware of the work the SES does to help when emergencies occur in the community. All the members of our unit, like Compals clubs, are volunteers. While public attention focuses on the more dramatic aspects of what we do, there is a lot of "office work" needed to ensure the work all proceeds smoothly and efficiently (We hope!). We are searching for volunteers with some computer skills to assist in taking phone calls for help from the public and entering calls in our computer system. (No outside work!) We provide training to prepare people for the task. Is there anyone in your club who might be able to spare a few hours during large scale emergencies please? If any such volunteers don't want to work other than at daytime, we can accommodate that desire. If you feel able to mention this to your members at a monthly meeting, or pop an item in your N/L, we'd be grateful. Could any responses please be directed to me, Dick Manuell, on email address [rman77@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rman77@bigpond.net.au) , as I'm not always at the club office. Cheers, Dick Manuell

Many  
Happy  
Returns  
to Ern  
Cohen  
who was  
90 on  
23 June.



**H**ousehold expenses spreadsheet If you are wanting to use a spreadsheet to keep track of household expenses a basic template can be found at Google Docs ([docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)) In particular you could try Personal Budget Spreadsheet ([docs.google.com/templates?category=14&sort=hottest](https://docs.google.com/templates?category=14&sort=hottest))

**H**ow do you protect yourself against phishing attacks? We cannot repeat this too often.

A dual protection strategy is best, make sure you have industry recognized PC security. However even with the best security protection, the methods used by cybercriminals are evolving every day, and therefore you should always be on guard. Here are some additional commonsense measures you can take to protect yourself:

1. Be wary of unexpected emails from unknown sources urging you to open or run an attachment or download.
2. Avoid clicking on links sent to you via emails and instant messages, even if they appear to be sent from a known or reputable source, better still, hit delete before opening suspicious emails.
3. Never reply to emails from banks asking for bank details. Delete these emails.
4. Only visit trusted and reputable websites.
5. Only purchase/download products from trusted sources.



**B**rowsing with bing [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) Now there's another search engine we can use. Microsoft's new search engine, bing, is designed to intuitively understand what people are seeking on the internet. The search engine is aimed at online shoppers and will initially focus on helping people make buying decisions, plan trips, research health matters, or find local businesses. For example, people using Bing to shop online will automatically be provided product reviews and those planning trips will get information regarding travel bargains.



**S**ometimes the best resource for information about Microsoft products is, in fact, Microsoft's own support site.

Microsoft Support, sometimes known as The Knowledgebase, is one of the most overlooked resources on the internet for users of Microsoft software. There's a ton of information out here that addresses hundreds of thousands of issues from the simple, to the complex to the obscure.



**Ask Leo!**  
by  
**Leo Notenboom**

One of the problems with the Microsoft's Support site is that there's so much information, it can sometimes be difficult to find exactly what you're looking for. But be patient and hone your searching skills. The support site has recently switched to using Bing as it's internal search engine, but if you're more comfortable you can use Google to search by including "site:support.microsoft.com" in your Google query.

One of the other issues that people occasionally have with the support articles is understanding the terminology and assumptions occasionally made. Even so, given the fact that much of the deeper information has been written and maintained by perhaps thousands of engineers at Microsoft over the years, even with its warts it's amazingly coherent.

Sometimes my job is simply interpreting, or finding what's already in the Microsoft Support Knowledgebase. You'll note that my answers will often include a link to a Knowledgebase article. I turn to it frequently for issues with Microsoft products.

In fact, I should turn to it more often.

Microsoft Support: <http://support.microsoft.com>

I recommend it.

I'd sure appreciate it if regular readers got a subscription of their own. You can sign up at <http://newsletter.ask-leo.com>.



**N**ay-Sayers Here's a new (complete?) compilation of these un famous sayings by famous and un famous people.

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." --Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers." -- Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year." --The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what ... is it good for?" --Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home." --Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." --Western Union internal memo, 1876.

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?" --David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible." --A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. (Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.)

"Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?" --H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper." --Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

"A cookie store is a bad idea. Besides, the market research reports say America likes crispy cookies, not soft and chewy cookies like you make." --Response to Debbi Fields' idea of starting Mrs. Fields' Cookies.

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." --Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

"If I had thought about it, I wouldn't have done the experiment. The literature was full of examples that said you can't do this." --Spencer Silver on the work that led to the unique adhesives for 3-M "Post-It" Notepads.

"So we went to Atari and said, 'Hey, we've got this amazing thing, even built with some of your parts, and what do you think about funding us? Or we'll give it to you. We just want to do it. Pay our salary, we'll come work for you.' And they said, 'No.' So then we went to Hewlett-Packard, and they said, 'Hey, we don't need you. You haven't got through college yet.'" --Apple Computer Inc. founder Steve Jobs on attempts to get Atari and H-P interested in his and Steve Wozniak's personal computer.

"You want to have consistent and uniform muscle development across all of your muscles? It can't be done. It's just a fact of life. You just have to accept inconsistent muscle development as an unalterable condition of weight training." --Response to Arthur Jones, who solved the "unsolvable" problem by inventing Nautilus.

"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau." --Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value." --Marechal Ferdinand Foch, Professor of Strategy, Ecole Supérieure de Guerre.

"Everything that can be invented has been invented." --Charles H. Duell, Commissioner, U.S. Office of Patents, 1899.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." -- Bill Gates, 1981

The following printers are available for sale at the Club

1) 2 x Epson Stylus Model C59 ..... \$10 each

2) 1 x Epson Stylus C41UX .... \$10

3) 1 x Canon iP1000 ... \$10

All come with cables. No warranty or guarantees ... however, all were fully operational before being replaced by the Laser printer.

Spare Cartridges available @ \$2 each

1) 3 x Epson Stylus C59 Black

2) 1 x Epson Stylus C59 Cyan

3) 4 x Epson Stylus C41UX Black

4) 5 x Epson Stylus C41UX Colour (CYM)

6) 6 x Canon iP1000 Black

7) 5 x Canon iP1000 Colour (CYM)

Contact Bob Bellini who is at the club on Friday afternoons for queries/sales.



**T**reatments from our Great granny's time...very effective medication!

**Bayer's heroin** A bottle of Bayer's heroin. Between 1890 and 1910 heroin was sold as a non-addictive substitute for morphine. It was also used to treat children with strong cough.



**Coca Wine.** Metcalf Coca Wine was one of a huge variety of wines with cocaine on the market. Everybody used to say that it would make you happy and it would also work as a medicinal treatment.



**Mariani Wine.** Mariani wine (1875) was the most famous Coca wine of its time. Pope Leo XIII used to carry one bottle with him all the time. He awarded Angelo Mariani (the producer) with a Vatican gold medal.



**Cocaine Drops for Toothache**



Very popular for children in 1885. Not only did they relieve the pain, they made the children happy.

**Maltine.** Produced by Maltine Manufacturing



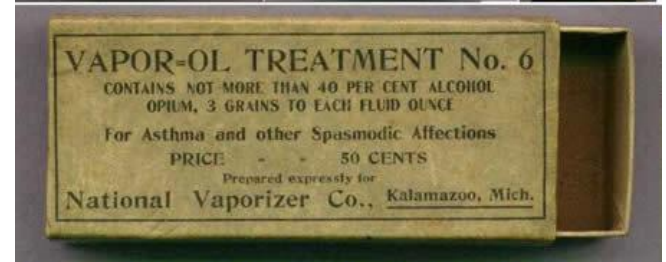
Company of New York. It was suggested that you should take a full glass with or after every meal. Children should take half a glass.

**A Paper Weight** promoting C F Boehringer &



Soehne (Mannheim Germany). They were proud of being the biggest producers in the world of products containing quinine and cocaine.

**Opium for Asthma**



**Cocaine tablets (1900)** All stage actors, singers, teachers and preachers had to have them for a maximum performance.



Great to "smooth" the voice.



**A** burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, 'Jesus is watching you.' He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.

When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard 'Jesus is watching you.' Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.

Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

'Did you say that?' he hissed at the parrot.

'Yep', the parrot confessed, then squawked, 'I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you.'

The burglar relaxed.. 'Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?'

'Moses,' replied the bird.

'Moses?' the burglar laughed. 'What kind of people would name a bird Moses?'

'The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.

**T**utor skills. An updated list of tutor skills is on the noticeboard in the Club Room. So, having learned basic skills if you now want to learn a particular skill then look on the noticeboard to see which tutor can help you.

**Tutors' Roster (subject to change)**

Monday	9 am - 1 pm	Graham Clark & Lyn Nicholls
	1 pm - 5 pm	David McAdam & Jack Newton
Tuesday	9 am - 1 pm	Philip Bratel & Wally Gora
	1 pm - 5 pm	Lyall McNeish & Harry Brabin
Wednesday	9 am - 1 pm	Ted Hulbert & Lynfey Williams
	1 pm - 5 pm	Harry Aguerro & Elaine Johns
Thursday	9 am - 1 pm	Dorothy Peters & Tony van de Walle
	1 pm - 5 pm	Workshops
Friday	9 am - 1 pm	Ern Cohen & Hugh Walker
	1 pm - 5 pm	Bob Bellini Mac only

**IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND A CLASS PLEASE PHONE THE CLUB 9976 0930 AND ADVISE THE DUTY TUTOR TO ALTER LIST.**

**Welcome to new members**

**Barbara BECK; Lorna GLADWIN;  
Mary SIMPSON;  
Mario TESORIERO.**

**If you are not mentioned here you will be next month.**

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